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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCT/BE98/00159
 International Filing Date: October 22, 1998
 Priority Date Claimed: October 22, 1997
 Title of Invention: ANISOTROPIC ETCHING OF ORGANIC-CONTAINING INSULATING LAYERS
 Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: Vanhaelemeersch, et al.

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
3. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
 - a) is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
 - a) are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d) have not been made and will not be made.
7. A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report with any annexes thereto, such as any amendments made under PCT Article 34.
8. A FIRST preliminary amendment.
 A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
9. A substitute Abstract.
10. International Application as published.

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11. (X) (2) PCT Form PCT/IPEA/402.
Dated: 4/21/99
Dated: 3/31/99
12. (X) PCT Form PCT/IB/308.
13. (X) PCT request form.
14. (X) Other Forms or Information:
-International Search Report
-PCT/RO/105
-PCT/ISA/202
-PCT/ISA/220
-PCT/IS/301
-PCT/IS/304 (dated: 1/22/99)
-PCT/IB/304 (dated: 3/1/99)
-PCT/IS/332
-PCT/PEA/416
15. (X) A return prepaid postcard.
16. (X) The following fees are submitted:

				FEES
BASIC FEE				\$840
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	16 - 20 =	0 ×	\$18	\$0
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	0 ×	\$78	\$0
Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable)			\$260	\$0
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$840
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE ENCLOSED				\$840

17. (X) A check in the amount of \$840 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

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18. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge only those additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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